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BISHOP RESIGNS

Spiritual Jurisdiction of Anglican
Church Transferred.

FOR WELL-BEING OF THE CHURCH

Changed Political Condition Render
the Course Desirable—A Bright
and Harmonious Future.

Address of the Bishop of Honolulu to
the Clergy and Laity of his Diocese
with regard to the transfer of the
spiritual jurisdiction from the See of
Canterbury to the Church in the
United States of America, given in
St. Andrew's Cathedral on Sunday,
April 9, 1899.

My dear Brethren of the Clergy and
Laity in the Diocese of Honolulu.

The time has arrived, when as chief
pastor of the Anglican Church in Ha-
waii, I should make fully known to all
members of the Church in the Islands
the course of action that the changed
political condition has rendered desir-
able to be taken in order to secure the
present well-being of the Church and
promote its advancement in the future.

At the recent General Convention of
the American Church held at Washing-
ton, it was recognized that the Hawai-
an Islands having passed under the do-
minion of the United States, the re-
sponsibility of making spiritual provi-
sion for their new possession de-
volved upon that branch of the Angli-
can Communion, although immediate
action could not be taken, inasmuch as
the Islands had for a considerable pe-
riod been a missionary diocese of the
Church of England.

A resolution postponing the consid-
eration of the course to be taken until
after conference with the authorities of
the Church of England having been
adopted by the Convention, it did not
at first appear open to me to move in
the matter, until I had received some
communication indicating the steps
that should be taken under circum-
stances which have never before arisen
in the history of the Anglican Com-
munion. No advice, however, having
been received, there appeared on mat-
ture consideration no valid reason why
I should not take the initiatory step
towards handing over to the Church in
the United States a responsibility
which that Church is ready and desir-
ous to assume.

Under these circumstances the course
that I have adopted has been to for-
ward to the Archbishop of Canterbury
(under whom so far as the Church of
England is concerned, the final author-
ity rests) a recommendation that the
spiritual jurisdiction of these Islands
be transferred to the Church in the
United States, as soon as that Church
is in a position to receive it, and to
make provision for its support.

As an offshoot of the Church of Eng-
land the Anglican Church has taken
root in these Islands, and had the coun-
try remained in an independent polit-
ical condition, the mother Church
would, without doubt, have continued
to foster its growth, until it became a
self-supporting diocese of the Anglican
Communion.

But the trend of public events has
been otherwise. The annexation of the
Islands to the United States points to
the advisability of the Church in Amer-
ica taking up and continuing the
work that has hitherto been done by
the Church of England. With this
transfer of responsibility in view I
have placed my tenure of the oversight
of this mission in the hands of the
Archbishop, so that it may cease as
soon as, but not until, the House of
Bishops in America is ready to conse-
crate a bishop to succeed me.

It is quite possible that this transfer
of jurisdiction may not at first com-
mend itself to all the members of the
Church in the Islands in consequence
of the various nationalities our mem-
bership comprises. But when it is
clearly seen that such a transfer fol-
lows the natural order of events, and
that it would be an anomalous state of
things for the Anglican Church in Ha-
waii not to be attached to the Ameri-
can branch of the Anglican Commu-
nion, I am confident that the action I
have taken will meet with general ap-
proval.

At present I have no means of know-
ing whether the transfer can be effec-
ted during the present year, or whether
it will be necessary to wait for the ac-
tion of the General Convention in 1901.
In either case there is much that you
can do in preparation for the change.
Times of transition are so often periods
of disintegration that I take this oppor-
tunity of impressing upon all who real-
ize what it is to be members of the
Church of Christ, that the present is a
time for united effort to strengthen
those foundations that we have been
permitted to lay, and to maintain in
efficiency the agencies for evangeliza-
tion and Christian education already
established, so that the first American
Bishop may be welcomed to a mission-



BISHOP WILLIS.

any jurisdiction full of zeal and ear-
nestness to aid him in the work of fur-
ther development and expansion.

Under the new order of things I
look forward with confidence and hope
to a bright and harmonious future for
the Anglican Church in Hawaii. For
the realization of a future so full of
promise, the one aim of all, both clergy
and laity, will be to promote the glory
of God and the advancement of His
Church.

May the Divine Head of the Church
who at His ascension sent down from
the Father the holy spirit by whom the
whole body of the Church is governed
and sanctified, direct our way in peace,
remove all cause of reproach from
amongst us, and guide all our actions
to the accomplishment of His will, and
the edification of His people; so that
the Anglican Church in Hawaii, united
in one holy bond of Truth and Peace,
may never cease to be His blessed in-
strument for the conversion of the
heathen and the salvation of souls.

Rev. Alexander Mackintosh, who has
for twenty years past been pastor of
the Second English-Speaking Congre-
gation of St. Andrew's Cathedral, was
interviewed last night. He knew nothing
of the action of Bishop Willis ex-
cept from hearsay. At the morning
service yesterday the following earnest
appeal was addressed from the pulpit
and at the postponed annual meeting,
which takes place tomorrow night,
there will be, it is expected, a full at-
tendance, who will discuss the matters
laid down:

"A meeting of this congregation was
called, according to the Canons of the
Church, for Tuesday in Easter Week,
for the purpose of electing Church
Wardens and other officers of the
Church. When the time arrived, there
were not present members enough to
be considered a proper representation
of the whole congregation, and the
meeting was adjourned without hav-
ing performed the business for which
it had been called. The adjourned
meeting will take place on Tuesday
evening next at 8 o'clock in the school
room. I trust that nothing further is
necessary to insure a good and repre-
sentative attendance than to remind
you that the business of this meeting is
of vital importance to the congregation
as a body and to the Church in general.
Every member, male or female, com-
municant or non-communicant, who
wishes in this congregation should
endeavor to be present."

Sudden Death.

Mary Kapakea, a native woman, died
very suddenly at her home Saturday
morning. She had been in apparent
good health all along up to the time of
her death. On that morning the people
in the room with her heard her give a
couple of quick gasps. They hastened
to her side and found that she was
dead. Deputy Marshal Chillingworth
summoned a coroner's jury, which re-
turned a verdict that death was due to
heart disease. The deceased woman
leaves a son, Antonio Silva, who has
charge of W. H. Rice's stock on this
island.

First Ship to Kihel.

The schooner Defender, which sailed
from San Francisco March 30th for
Kihel is the first vessel to clear from
San Francisco for that port but not
the first from the coast. The schooner
Fannie Adele sailed from Gray's Harbor
on March 29th.

NORWAY PREPARES FOR WAR.

LONDON, April 3.—The Daily Mail's
correspondent at Gothenburg, Sweden,
referring to the warlike preparations
of Norway, says: "The only possible
object of these preparations is to at-
tack Sweden, whose defenses and
armaments are inferior and whose in-
fantry are armed with obsolete weap-
ons. Should the Norwegian fleet at-
tack Gothenburg the city must in-
evitably fall."

MALOLOS TAKEN

Insurgents Fire the City and
then Flee.

INSURGENT BACKBONE BROKEN

Rebel Army in Full Retreat—Diffi-
culty of Locating Them—
Sharp Cavalry Skirmish.

MANILA, March 31, noon.—Major-
General MacArthur entered Malolos,
the seat of the so-called insurgent gov-
ernment, at 9:30 o'clock this morning.
The rebels burning the city and simul-
taneously evacuating it. They are now
in full retreat toward the north, where
Aguinaldo and the Cabinet have been
for two days.

Major-General MacArthur advanced
to attack Malolos at 7 o'clock this
morning. He was met with strong
opposition, the rebels resisting de-
spairately, but losing heavily. General
Hall's brigade is advanced north from
the water works and driving the left
wing of the enemy across.

The United States troops rested last
night in the jungle about a mile and
a quarter from Malolos. The day's
advance began at 2 o'clock and covered
a distance of about two and a
half miles beyond the Guiguinto river,
along the railroad. The brunt of the
battle was on the right of the track,
where the enemy was apparently con-
centrated.

The First Nebraska, First South Da-
kota and Tenth Pennsylvania Regi-
ments encountered them intrenched on
the border of the woods, and the Ameri-
cans advancing across the open suffered
a terrific fire for half an hour. Four
men of the Nebraska Regiment were
killed and thirty were wounded. Ten
men of the Dakota Regiment were
wounded, and one of the Pennsylvania
was killed. The Americans finally
drove the Filipinos back. Although
there were three lines of strong in-
trenchments along the track the enemy
made scarcely any defense there.
General MacArthur and his staff were
walking on the track abreast of the
line, with everything quiet, when sud-
denly they received a shower of bul-
lets from sharpshooters in trees and on
house tops, but these were speedily
dislodged.

The enemy's loss was apparently
small, the jungle affording them such
protection that the Americans were
unable to see them, and in firing were
guided only by the sound of the Fili-
pino's shots. The American artillery
was handicapped for the same reason.
Last night's long line of camp fires
made a beautiful sight, with the
Twenty-third Kansas Regiment on the
left of Guiguinto station and the Pen-
sylvania Regiment on the right, be-
yond the river.

The provision train was delayed by
broken bridges, but the stores of grain
and flocks of ducks in the locality fur-
nished ample forage. The hospital
work is remarkably efficient, as it has
been throughout the whole campaign.
The telegraphers keep abreast of the
line and maintain a constant connec-
tion with the city.

MANILA, April 2, 6:30 p. m.—The
American troops under General Mac-
Arthur are still resting at Malolos,
where everything has been quiet to-
day. Hostilities elsewhere—so far as
officially reported—have been limited
during the last twenty-four hours to
an occasional exchange of shots be-
tween the insurgents and troops form-
ing the lines of General Lawton and
General Hall, extending from the water
works to La Loma. But this shooting
has been just active enough to make
the lives of the soldiers a burden and
to compel the officers to sleep in
trenches clothed and in readiness to
repel possible attacks.

Most of the Americans are becoming
convinced that the backbone of the
insurgent opposition is broken. There
are numerous rumors pointing to an
early collapse of the insurrection. One
of these is that General Pio del Pilar,
the best fighter among the Filipino
officers, will desert Aguinaldo and give
his support to the Americans.

MANILA, April 3, 7:55 p. m.—A re-
connaissance made by cavalry under
Major Rucker this afternoon developed
into a sharp skirmish with 1000 in-
surgents intrenched at Quingua, five
miles to the northeast of Malolos, the
main body of the rebel army being
apparently between Quingua and
Pulilan. Other detached forces of the

enemy retreated to the eastward and
entered Mateo Valley, where they were
repulsed by General Hall's troops.

A PROCLAMATION.

The Philippine Commission Orders Fili-
pinos to Lay Down Arms.

MANILA, April 4.—The Philippine
commission, which is composed of Col.
Charles Denby, Professor J. G. Schur-
man, of Cornell University, and Pro-
fessor Dean C. Worcester, has issued a
proclamation to the residents of the
islands calling upon them to lay down
their arms and follow peaceful avoca-
tions. An extract from the publica-
tion is as follows:

In the meantime the attention of the
Philippine people is invited to certain
regulative principles by which the
United States will be guided in its re-
lations with them. Following are
deemed of cardinal importance:

First—The supremacy of the United
States must and will be enforced
throughout every part of the archipel-
ago and those who resist it can accom-
plish no end other than their own ruin.
Second—Most ample liberty of self-
government will be granted to the Phi-
lippine people which is reconcilable with
the maintenance of a wise, just, stable,
effective and economical administration
of public affairs and compatible with
the sovereign and international rights
and obligations of the United States.

Third—Civil rights of the Philippine
people will be guaranteed and protect-
ed to the fullest extent, religious free-
dom assured and all persons shall have
equal standing before the law.

Fourth—Honor, justice and friend-
ship forbid the use of the Philippine
people or islands as object or means of
exploitation. The purpose of the Ameri-
can Government is the welfare and
advancement of the Philippine people.

A BIG COMBINE.

Manufacturers of Bar Iron Form a
Gigantic Trust.

CHICAGO, April 3.—The Record to-
morrow will say: The combination of
manufacturers of merchant bar iron,
upon which Chicago promoters have
been at work for several weeks, is
practically consummated, and within a
few days the properties will be taken
over by a corporation to be organized
under the laws of New Jersey. The
title of the Republic Steel and Iron
Company has been suggested, although
not fully decided upon. The total
capitalization will be \$55,000,000,
of which \$25,000,000 will be in 7 per cent.
cumulative preferred stock and \$30,-
000,000 in common.

The properties include all the bar
iron manufacturers of importance west
of Pittsburgh, some of the largest being
in the Birmingham (Ala.) iron district.
Extensive iron mines in that section
and in the Mesabi range of the Lake
Superior copper district will be trans-
ferred.

The mills embraced have an annual
output of over one million tons of mer-
chant bar iron. In addition to the
rolling mill property, there are six
blast furnaces with an annual capacity
of about 400,000 tons of pig iron.

A portion of the underwriting has
been taken in Chicago, but the New
York interest will be the largest of
outside capital. The banking houses
of Dominick & Dickerman and William
C. Sheldon & Co. of that city have
organized the underwriting syndicate.
The company will have a cash work-
ing capital of \$5,500,000 and all plants
taken over will be free of debt.

CANAL AGREEMENT.

NEW YORK, April 1.—A cable to
the World from London says: A defi-
nite agreement has been arrived at
between the United States and the
British Government, by which the
United States will have complete and
undisputed control over the Nicaragua
canal. A statement to this effect was
made to the World's correspondent by
a prominent official of the Government.
Shortly after the reassembling of Par-
liament a statement confirming this
information will be made by Lord
Salisbury.

POPE'S GRAVE CONDITION.

LONDON, April 4.—According to a
dispatch to the Daily Telegraph, from
Rome, the Pope had a fainting fit yester-
day which proved of the gravest
character.

Every effort is being made by Car-
dinal Rampolla, Papal Secretary of
State, to conceal the real condition of
the Pontiff, his object being to prevent
the powers from working in advance
for the next conclave.

The powers, nevertheless, are quite
aware of the true condition of his Holiness,
and are secretly making preparations
for the gathering of the Cardinals.

The case of the Kahuku Japanese,
who are charged with riot and murder,
comes up in the Police Court this
morning.